

John Caldwell Calhoun to Andrew Jackson, November 30, 1820, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

SECRETARY CALHOUN TO JACKSON.

Department of War, November 30, 1820.

Sir, It appears by a letter of this Dept. dated the 19th Decr. 1817 that the device of the medal voted to you by Congress was transmitted to you for objection or approval. It does not appear that you have returned it. If it be still in your possession I request it may be returned immediately, as an artist has at last been employed in this country to execute the medal. Your likeness has been received and is now in the possession of the artist. I regret exceedingly the delay which has taken place, but it was beyond the controul of the department and I now hope no further delay will be experienced. You will see by the enclosed extract from the Honble. Joseph Hopkinson President of the society of fine arts at Phila. that your profile likeness is required by the artist, and I request you will send it to me as early as practicable.¹

¹ Replying to this letter, Dec. 28, 1820, Jackson said: "I am apprehensive that it will be some time before I can comply with the request of the Honble. Joseph Hopkinson etc, by sending him my profile likeness—there being no miniature painter in this country at present as soon as an opportunity will offer it will be taken and forwarded to you."

I have the honor to be, Yours Respectfully,